

Eddie Sleeper

From: Catherine McClary <Mcclaryc@washtenaw.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:41 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper; House Clerk
Subject: HB 4986 SUPPORT

I support HB 4986 that is scheduled for hearing on Wed. April 25th in the House Tax Policy Committee. This legislation would provide an income tax credit to the disabled veteran or the veteran's widow in an amount equal to 100 percent of his or her property taxes or 23 percent of gross rent paid and would repeal the exemption for real property taxes. I support this legislation. It will be easy to administer; it will take the burden off of local treasurers, county treasurers and assessors while still providing a complete real property tax break to veterans.

Thanks in advance for your support of this bill.

Catherine McClary, Washtenaw County Treasurer and Member of Legislative Committee for Michigan Association County Treasurers (MACT) and Immediate Past President of MGFOA.

Catherine McClary, CPFO, CPFIM
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Jean Klein <jklein@montcounty.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:56 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: support

Good morning, Please relay the support of Montmorency County in favor of HB4986. It will be very beneficial to the small units within the county to be able to depend on the tax revenue from the veteran exempted parcels.

Jean M Klein

Montmorency County Treasurer
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Julie Roscioli - SC Treasurer <treasurer@schoolcraftcounty.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Dear Eddie Sleeper,

I am sending this message in support of HB4986. While the legislation gave our wonderful veterans this exemption, it placed hardships on entities depending on that revenue.

I believe an income tax exemption would better serve what was intended for our veterans.

Best Regards,

Julie B. Roscioli

Julie B. Roscioli
Schoolcraft County Treasurer
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Randy Girard <randygirard@marquettetownship.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:04 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Lyn Durant; Ernest Johnson; Dulcee Atherton; 'larry@michigantownships.org'
Subject: House Tax Policy Committee Hearing on HB4986

This is to submit the position of Marquette Charter Township regarding HB 4986 sponsored by Representative David Maturen; which is strongly supported by the Michigan Townships Association. Marquette Charter Township also strongly supports HB 4986, and requests that this submittal in support of HB4986 be entered into the committee's record. Marquette Charter Township is grateful for the service and sacrifices of the disabled veteran or the veteran's widow or widower, and supports tax relief. However, the local governments that provide direct services to the disabled veteran or the veteran's widow or widower have been overburdened by multiple reductions to the property tax revenues in the residential and business sectors. Marquette Charter Township, in particular, has suffered huge additional property tax losses through the "dark stores" decisions of the Tax Tribunal further exacerbating property tax revenue losses that will never be regained. Marquette Charter Township fully endorses and supports passage of HB 4986 to instead place the financial responsibility on the state by providing an income tax credit to the disabled veteran or the veteran's widow or widower in an amount equal to 100 percent of his or her property taxes or 23 percent of the gross rent paid. Thank you for consideration of this submittal to the committee's record.

Respectfully,

Randell E. Girard
Township Manager

Eddie Sleeper

From: Ward, Tina <WARDT@clinton-county.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:05 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Good Morning,

Please except this email as my support of HB 4986.

It is my opinion an income tax exemption would provide financial relief for qualified veterans while not placing additional financial burdens on municipalities and local school districts.

Have a great day!

Tina Ward, MiCPT CPFA ACPFIM

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Janine Baldwin <tmptwntr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 4:50 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I would like to speak up in favor of HB 4986. As a treasurer of a small township, I have seen our revenues eroded by the current property tax exemption for veterans. Any veteran suffering from disabilities received from serving our country is deserving of some type of monetary help from the government they served. But the current legislation is making it difficult for communities to provide services to them and our other constituents. It also does nothing for those who don't own their own home.

For these and other reasons, I support HB 4986.

I also request that my position be read into the record.

Thank you,
Janine Baldwin
Tompkins Township Treasurer

Eddie Sleeper

From: Michelle Thompson <MThompson@benzieco.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am writing to express my support for the above-mentioned bill. I believe that the initial legislation, while heartwarming, was not well thought out, in that the exemption from real estate taxes created an expense at the county and township level that has not been addressed by the State of Michigan. It also did not address veterans with the same classification to receive an exemption or a credit for rental expense.

I believe that an income tax exemption would best fit the intent of the State of Michigan to provide financial relief, while not harming the millage supported services in our communities.

Michelle Thompson

Benzie County Treasurer
Benzie County Land Bank Authority Chairman
www.benzieco.net
231.882.9672

Eddie Sleeper

From: Kathy Thurman <kthurman@brandontownship.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Rep. John Reilly (District 46); sendrobertson@senate.michigan.gov
Subject: HB 4986

Dear Clerk,

Please read the statement below into the record at the next committee meeting on government operations.

I, Kathy Thurman, Brandon Township Supervisor, am in support of HB 4986 which will provide an income tax credit to the disabled veteran or the veteran's widow or widower in an amount equal to 100 percent of his or her property taxes or 23 percent of the gross rent paid instead of the current property tax credit that they are given.

Best Regards,
Kathy Thurman
Brandon Township Supervisor
(248) 627-4918

Eddie Sleeper

From: Bill Furry <furryw@portagemi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Rep. Brandt Iden (District 61); Laurie Shelburne; Laurence Shaffer; Ed VanderVries; Meshia Rose
Subject: Veteran's Exemption - House Bill 4986

We are responding regarding the upcoming hearing on Wednesday, April 25th, in the House Tax Policy Committee, regarding HB 4986 sponsored by Rep. David Maturen.

As City of Portage officials we've spoken to our colleagues about this issue and we share their support for the legislation being proposed. We have always been fully supportive of our veterans and the Veteran's Exemption, but one critical flaw in the initial legislation was the placement of financial and administrative burdens on the local taxing units, the same units that provide services to our veterans. We believe this was unintended, simply an issue of passing legislation too quickly in an election cycle.

We appreciate the House Tax Policy Committee conducting a hearing on this matter. We support changes to reestablish local units as tax collectors and giving qualified veterans an offsetting income tax credit. That would allow local governments to receive the funds needed to provide services to the citizens instead of restricting our budgets and potentially limiting services. In Kalamazoo County alone, veteran exemptions resulted in a taxable value reduction of \$24,906,283, costing the County over \$1.6 million in lost tax revenue.

Please include us as in favor of this legislation and have our position read into the record. We are hopeful that many if not most of our colleagues in local government will respond in favor of this legislation.

William Furry
Treasurer/Finance Director

Laurie Shelburne
Treasury Supervisor

Edward VanderVries
Assessor

Meshia Rose
Deputy Assessor

Eddie Sleeper

From: Holly Moon <holly@co.newaygo.mi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Support HB 4986

Please accept this email as my support for the passage of HB 4986 on Veteran's Exemptions. It would be very helpful to my County and all the local units to have this lost revenue restored and maintain the assistance for the Veteran's through their income tax. Thank you!

Holly
Holly Moon, Treasurer
Newaygo County
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"People want to know how much you care before they care how much you know." ~Unknown

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Mary I. Balkema <mibalk@kalcounty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:10 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: H.B. 4986

The Kalamazoo County Treasurer Mary Balkema is in full support of the bill.

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Phil Preston <ppreston@blackmantwp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Patricia Rayl; Pete Jancek; Shelly Sercombe; Evelyn Markowski; Stephanie Hinkle
Subject: Vetran's Exemption, HB 4986

TO: House Tax Policy Committee

SUBJECT: HB 4986

I'm responding to the upcoming hearing on Wednesday, April 25th, in the House Tax Policy Committee. As a City Treasurer, I've spoken to many of my colleagues and share their support for the legislation being proposed. I have always been fully supportive of our veterans and the Veteran's Exemption. One critical flaw to the initial legislation was to place the burden on the local taxing units. In the Case of Blackman Charter Township, this has resulted in the loss of \$1,235,481 in taxable revenue. The same units that are providing services to our veterans. I fully believe this was unintended and simply an issue of passing legislation to quickly in an election cycle. I appreciate the House Tax Policy Committee conducting a hearing on this matter. I'm fully in support of the changes to reestablish the local tax authority collecting the taxes and too have qualified veterans' receive an income tax credit. This allows for local municipalities to receive the funds needed to provide services to the citizens as opposed to restricting our budgets further and making it more difficult to provide services.

I request our support for the bill to be read into the records of the committee.

Sincerely,

Phil Preston
Blackman Charter Township Treasurer
1990 W. Parnall Rd
Jackson, MI 49201
517-788-4345, ex 8226

Eddie Sleeper

From: Tod Sorensen <tod.sorensen@geneseetwp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:52 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

Please accept this email as my intent to offer support for the passing of HB4986. Communities like mine are having a difficult time dealing with declining revenues and increased costs of operation, and cannot afford to have tax breaks passed by our State Legislators that compound these problems.

Thank you,

Tod Sorensen
Treasurer, Genesee Charter Township
810-640-2000 Ext. 230
810-640-1485 (FAX)

Eddie Sleeper

From: kcunningham@rooseveltpark.org
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

I am responding to the upcoming hearing on Wednesday, April 25th, in the House Tax Policy Committee. I am a new City Treasurer, and as such I have discussed this legislation and its effects with many of my colleagues and share their support. As a daughter of a deceased veteran, I am fully supportive of the Veteran's Exemption. Now as I begin to have a functional knowledge of local government I can see how this places the burden on the local taxing units. With a very limited budget, we struggle to provide services to our communities and our veterans. I appreciate the House Tax Policy Committee conducting a hearing on this matter and I would like to express my support of the changes needed to reestablish having the local tax authority collect the taxes and in lieu, to have qualified veterans receive a state income tax credit. We could then use these additional tax funds to provide services to the citizens instead of having our budgets limited further which makes it very difficult to provide services our residents need.

Please count me in favor of this legislation. If need be, I would be happy to appear before the committee to testify to how lost revenues from the veteran's exemption impacts my community.

Sincerely,

Kate Cunningham
Treasurer
City of Roosevelt Park
900 Oakridge Road
Roosevelt Park, MI. 49441
Phone: (231) 755-3721 ext. 1953
Fax: (231) 755-1442

Eddie Sleeper

From: Keyla Garcia <kgarcia@eastgr.org>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986 (2017) - Veterans Exemption
Attachments: Keyla N Garcia.vcf

Good Afternoon,

I'm responding to the upcoming hearing on Wednesday, April 25th, in the House Tax Policy Committee. As a City Deputy Treasurer, I'm fully in support of the changes to reestablish the local tax authority collecting the taxes and to have qualified veteran's receive an income tax credit. This will allow local municipalities to receive the funds needed to provide services to the citizens as opposed to restricting our budgets further.

Please count me in favor of this legislation.

Sincerely



Keyla N. Garcia
Deputy Treasurer

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Jennifer Eden <jeden@tyronetownship.us>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 2:54 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption Bill

Tax Policy Committee,

I'm responding to the upcoming hearing on Wednesday, April 25th, in the House Tax Policy Committee. As a Township Treasurer, I've spoken to many of my colleagues and share their support for the legislation being proposed. I have always been fully supportive of our veterans and the Veteran's Exemption. One critical flaw to the initial legislation was to place the burden on the local taxing units. The same units that are providing services to our veterans. I fully believe this was unintended and simply an issue of passing legislation to quickly in an election cycle. I appreciate the House Tax Policy Committee conducting a hearing on this matter. I'm fully in support of the changes to reestablish the local tax authority collecting the taxes and to have qualified veterans' receive an income tax credit. This allows for local municipalities to receive the funds needed to provide services to the citizens as opposed to restricting our budgets further and making it more difficult to provide services.

Please count me in favor of this legislation. I am the Treasurer at Tyrone Township and we currently have 14 parcels, receiving the Veteran's Exemption, with a S.E.V. total of \$ 1,395,500.00. I've been in communication with 25 other communities regarding lost revenues from the veteran's exemption. I'm hopeful all will respond in favor of this legislation.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Eden
Treasurer
Tyrone Township
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810-629-8631
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Regular Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 9 AM – 5 PM

Eddie Sleeper

From: Roy Sweet <Roy.Sweet@delhitownship.com>
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 8:42 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am writing to ask for support for HB 4986 sponsored by Rep. David Maturen (R-Brady Twp).

Sincerely,

Roy Sweet. MiPCT
Delhi Township Treasurer
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Holt MI 48842
(517) 268-3014

Eddie Sleeper

From: Bret Padgett <bpadgett@comstockmi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:06 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Committee Hearing
Attachments: Letter to Tax Policy Committee 4-18-18.pdf

Good morning. I would like to respectfully request that the attached letter be read into the record of the Tax Policy Committee hearing on HB 4986 (2017), to be held on April 25, 2018. Thank you.

Bret Padgett, MiCPT, CPFA/FIM
Treasurer
Charter Township of Comstock
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Eddie Sleeper

From: John Calhoun <jcalhoun@twp.columbia.mi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Globensky, John
Subject: Columbia Township
Attachments: CTVET.xlsx

Here is the recap of the Columbia Township, Jackson County taxable value exempted through the current legislation. Please address this issue! Thanks,

John C. Calhoun
CPFA, MiCPT, MCAO
Columbia Township Treasurer
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Moran TWP Treasurer <morantreas@lighthouse.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:54 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

Committee Clerk,

I would like to submit my support for HB4986 and ask that my position be read into the records. Thank you.

Susan K. Dionne
Moran Township Treasurer
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St. Ignace, MI 49781
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Lori Leudeman <treasurer@osceolacountymi.com>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:40 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Please be aware that the Osceola County Treasurer supports HB 4986 to move the Disabled Veteran's property tax exemption to an income tax reimbursement. I would also ask that you read my position into the record.

Thank you,
Lori Leudeman

Lori Leudeman
Osceola County Treasurer
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Reed City, MI 49677
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Eddie Sleeper

From: M Brunner <m.brunner@villageofpinckney.org>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Hello,

I would like to offer my support of HB 4986.

As a veteran and the wife of a disabled veteran, I fully believe in helping our veterans as much as we can. I think that having the State provide an income tax credit rather than placing the burden of a property tax exemption on local municipalities is the correct way to do this.

Please make sure my support of HB 4986 is read into the record.

Respectfully,

Michelle Brunner, MiCPT
Treasurer & Zoning Administrator
Village of Pinckney
734-878-6206

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Concord Twp Clerk <Clerk@concordtownshipmi.org>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 2:21 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: House Bill 4986

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of HB 4986 and wish that that my position on this bill be read into your record .

Thanks,

Judy A. Clark
Concord Township Clerk
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Concord, MI 49237-0236
P.517-524-6804
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Eddie Sleeper

From: DLeitermann <DLeitermann@baycitymi.org>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Veteran Exemption

I believe that the exemption should be on the veteran's income tax.

*Donna Leitermann
City Treasurer
City of Bay City
301 Washington Ave.
Bay City, MI 48708
Phone: 989-894-8130*



Eddie Sleeper

From: Globensky, John <jglobensky@grand-rapids.mi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986 (2017) - Veterans Exemption

Good Morning

I'm responding to the upcoming hearing on Wednesday, April 25th, in the House Tax Policy Committee. As a City Treasurer, I've spoken to many of my colleagues and share their support for the legislation being proposed. I have always been fully supportive of our veterans and the Veteran's Exemption. One critical flaw to the initial legislation was to place the burden on the local taxing units. The same units that are providing services to our veterans. I fully believe this was unintended and simply an issue of passing legislation to quickly in an election cycle. I appreciate the House Tax Policy Committee conducting a hearing on this matter. I'm fully in support of the changes to reestablish the local tax authority collecting the taxes and to have qualified veteran's receive an income tax credit. This allows for local municipalities to receive the funds needed to provide services to the citizens as opposed to restricting our budgets further and making it more difficult to provide services.

Please count me in favor of this legislation. If needed, I would be happy to appear before the committee to testify. I've been in communication with 20 other communities regarding lost revenues from the veteran's exemption. I'm hopeful all will respond in favor of this legislation.

Sincerely

John M. Globensky
City Treasurer
(616) 456-3285

Eddie Sleeper

From: Dennis Bjorkquist <supervisormanisteetownship@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 11:21 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Good morning : My name is Dennis R. Bjorkquist, 1st term supervisor of Manistee Township in Manistee County. I urge support

of HB 4986. I have all the respect for our veterans and believe that they are entitled to the property tax exemption,
however, having the lowest level of government with the smallest amount of income, seems unfair. Thank you
and we appreciate your support.

Eddie Sleeper

From: Carol Asher <asher@i2k.com>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: FW: HB #4986

From: Carol Asher [mailto:asher@i2k.com]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 10:09 AM
To: 'esleeper@house.mi.gov' <'esleeper@house.mi.gov'
Subject: HB #4986

Giving back to the Veterans that served our great country well, is a wonderful idea. Giving back at the cost to the municipalities, not so much. I have stated all along that the property tax exemption should be granted on the State of Michigan income tax return. Please pass HB 4986. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Carol A. Asher
Denton Township Clerk
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Prudenville MI 48651
asher@i2k.net
989-366-5913 (phone)

Eddie Sleeper

From: Debbie Boothby <dboothby@bentonchartertownship-mi.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Good morning,

Please include for the record:

Benton Charter Township, Benton Harbor, Michigan strongly supports HB 4986 and respectfully encourages its passage to rectify this unfunded mandate on local governments.

Thank you.

Debbie

Debra Ann Boothby, Treasurer
Benton Charter Township
1725 Territorial Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone (269) 925-0616 ext. 143
dboothby@bentonchartertownship-mi.gov

Eddie Sleeper

From: Basil <supervisor@twpofclinton.com>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

We in Clinton Township support HB 4986. Our township has lost a great deal of money over the past several years and has a hard time taking care of township obligations. We encourage the state to move the burden of lost township money to the state ASAP. Thanks you for your support. Basil

Basil Greenleaf
Supervisor Clinton Township
Lenawee County
517-456-6701
www.clintontownship@yahoo.com

Eddie Sleeper

From: Marlene Golovich, Clerk <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 6:42 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am requesting that my support for HB 4986 be read into the committee's record.

Thank you

Marlene Golovich
Hayes Township Clerk

Eddie Sleeper

From: Melanie Pelkola <mpelkola@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 6:36 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I support this bill, I believe that the vets with disabilities need help with their property tax but it is a hardship on the local townships, schools, etc. As the Interior Township Treasurer I know that our board supports this. Please put this in the records

Eddie Sleeper

From: Trustee Paul Holdley <trustee1@hayestownshipmi.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 6:07 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Legislators:

I believe that many of our veterans have life long health problems related to their combat exposure. However, Michigan got it wrong when we exempted our 70 to 100% disabled veterans from property taxes.

I am a Vietnam veteran and a retired assessor. Two of our township residents who are disabled veterans come to mind. One is a paraplegic due to a sniper's bullet. He is well cared for by the Federal Government. The other, who saw significant combat, is 70% disabled, thus getting a full property exemption. He had a career, a family and is now retired. He built a new home and is not going to go hungry.

I'm all for veterans being recognized for their service and caring for those that have paid a high price for their service, but I don't think this should extend to under funding our schools, counties and townships.

I am a Vietnam veteran and I pay my taxes.

Paul Hoadley

Eddie Sleeper

From: Boot, Andrea <boota@wyomingmi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: In Support of HB 4986

Dear Committee Members,

Please enter my support for HB 4986. Changing the disabled veterans' property tax exemption to an income tax credit would be beneficial for veterans as well as municipalities. While the loss of local tax revenue due to this exemption should not be minimized, I would like to focus your attention to the broader benefit for disabled veterans. Currently only disabled veterans who own a primary residence benefit from this exemption. By changing it to an income tax credit, disabled veterans who rent will also benefit by receiving some well-deserved relief. It is my belief that benefits extended to disabled veterans should reach as many as possible. By using the income tax credit approach rather than the property tax exemption approach, you will be able to reach a segment of disabled veterans who are just as deserving of expense relief as disabled veterans who own property. It would be much more inclusive of the entire disabled veterans' community.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my support.

Sincerely,

Andrea Boot, CPFA MiCPT

City of Wyoming Treasurer
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Eddie Sleeper

From: JOHN HINKLE <johnhinklett@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Veterans Disability Exemption

I would like to support the bill being proposed to change the source of relief for the Veterans Disability Exemption from property tax to income tax. The concept of income tax relief will cover all disabled veterans instead of just homeowners and takes the burden off the schools, libraries and local units of government.

John Hinkle
Supervisor, Texas Charter Township
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6589 S. 6th St.
Kalamazoo, MI. 49009

Eddie Sleeper

From: Rachel Shangle <treasurer@spartatownship.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I would like to express my support for HB 4986, regarding disabled veterans' property tax exemptions. Sparta Township has had numerous applications for this exemption, decreasing our local property tax revenue. While I am sympathetic to veterans who need the help, some of these have worked, earned income and paid taxes for years and now receive a large VA paycheck. Any tax exemption should be tied to their income.

Rachel A. Shangle
Treasurer, Sparta Township
(616) 887-8863

Eddie Sleeper

From: kempalicia@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:50 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB-4986

We as local units of government are in support of this bill as it places the loss of revenue back on the original author of the state mandate.

Joe Kemp Muskegon

Charter Township Trustee

Eddie Sleeper

From: Precia Garland <admin@missaukee.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:19 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Good morning,

The Missaukee County Board of Commissioners (BOC) strongly supports the adoption of HB 4986 into law. As you know, if enacted HB 4986 would require the state to provide an income tax credit to qualified disabled veterans and their unmarried widowed spouse, in place of the current local property tax exemption, which unfairly falls 100% on local units of government to fund. Would you please enter into the House Tax Policy Committee record for today's hearing at 10 AM that the Missaukee County BOC supports this bill? Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Precia L. Garland
Administrator
Missaukee County
111 S. Canal St.
PO Box 800
Lake City MI 49651
231-839-4967 x242
admin@missaukee.org

Eddie Sleeper

From: Juli Hall <jhall@tyronetownship.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:15 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Bill HB4986

Bill #HB4986 Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption

Tyrone Township Officials support the bill for disabled veterans property tax exemption to be offered as a "tax credit line item" on individual income tax.

Shelley Worley, Clerk
Robert Sarachman, Supervisor
Juli-Anne Hall, Treasurer

Tyrone Township
Kent County
PO Box 275
Kent City, MI 49330

Eddie Sleeper

From: Tina Papineau <tpapineau@drydentownship.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:45 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Support of HB 4986

To Whom It May Concern:

I am all about helping our Veteran's; however, the way the Veteran's exemption is granted is bad. I support HB 4986 because it is a better way to manage it. In the small rural Township of Dryden we have eight qualified affidavits. This is taking away money from schools, police, fire, roads, etc.

The other side to this exemption is the fairness of the amount of property taxes that are reimbursed. There are some qualified Veteran's with a house worth over \$400,000 and others with a house worth \$100,000 needless to say the taxes they pay are very different. I also know of a Veteran in another community with a house worth over a \$1,000,000 and he is exempted from property taxes. These issues need to be addressed.

Please enter my support of HB 4986 into record.

Tina Papineau
Dryden Township Supervisor
4849 Dryden Road
Dryden, MI 48428
810-796-2248 ext. 26

Eddie Sleeper

From: Dave Ax <treasurer@grovelandtownship.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:39 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Support HB4986

As the Treasurer of The Township of Groveland, Oakland County and as a Veteran, I fully support HB4986 to allow disabled veterans the benefit of not paying property taxes on their principle residence with the State of Michigan providing the tax credit instead of needed revenue being taken from local government, police, fire, schools and those agencies entitled to millage payments for their needed operations. We have lost tens of thousands of dollars since the 2013 law was enacted.

We wish to be on the record in support of HB4986.

Thank you,

Dave Ax, Treasurer
Groveland Township
4695 Grange Hall Rd
Holly, MI 48442
248-634-4152 office
248-634-1351 fax
810-691-5706 cell

Eddie Sleeper

From: Linda Topping <unadillatwp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:23 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Unadilla Township supports HB 4986, the veteran exemption is devastating to small townships trying to survive on tax dollars, this is something that the local schools and townships should not have to fund.

Thank You;

Linda Topping, Clerk
Unadilla Township, Livingston County Michigan

Eddie Sleeper

From: Treasurer <TreasurerERTwp@acd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Eaton Rapids Township supports HB 4986 moving the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption to the State of Michigan's Income Tax where they would get an income tax credit equal to 100% of the property tax paid for the year. This takes the burden off Michigan Townships and puts it on The State of Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

Linn M. Gray, Treasurer
Eaton Rapids Township
(517)663-7407
TreasurerERTwp@acd.net

Eddie Sleeper

From: Daugherty, Susan <susan.daugherty@greenoaktwp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:11 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: RE: HB 4986 sponsored by Representative Maturen
Attachments: Veteran Exemption Totals 5-30-17.xlsx

Thank you for sponsoring HB 4986. I am on the Board for the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association (MMTA) and on the Legislative Committee for both the MMTA and the MGFOA since 2013. We have emphasized to our members to call their representatives since this bill was enacted. Many Cities, Townships, and Villages have lost revenue since 2013 and each year it has increased (see attached). Several treasurers have also collected this information and in some areas of the State, lost revenues have been significant to their communities.

First of all, we are in favor of our veterans and their spouses getting help on their taxes. However, they should have done it at the State level as a credit. The local units are not only dealing with reduced revenue due to Proposal A and Headley rollbacks from the downturn in the economy, they were hit again with this exemption which has grown and expanded each year. In addition, we saw Veteran's with homes in high end markets getting the exemption and the Veteran that could not afford a home and was renting did not get any accommodation. Also, the law also did not address a widowed spouse due to service.

Several of our Veterans that have qualified for the exemption have recognized that they were using millaged or budgeted funds for local police and fire services, and yet, they were exempt as well.

Please make sure our position is read into the record for the committee hearings.

Susan M. Daugherty, CPFA, CPFIM, MiCPT

Treasurer, Green Oak Charter Township
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Laura Hoshaw <hoshawl@BrightonCity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: I support HB 4986.

I support HB 4986.

Sincerely,

Laura Hoshaw
Treasurer
City of Brighton
hoshawl@brightoncity.org
810-225-8023



Eddie Sleeper

From: Connie Lipka <assessor511@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:52 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am in support of HB 4986 which will change the Veteran's Exemption from a property tax exemption to an income tax credit.

I do strongly believe it is the right thing to do....taking care of the men and women who took care of us and now continue to feel the effects of their service through their disabilities. My brother-in-law Timothy Paul Lipka, proudly served in the Vietnam War and passed away last year due entirely to the debilitating affects he experienced during that war.

However, I strongly believe the disabled veterans property tax exemption, which is currently shouldered entirely by the local taxing authorities, should be adsorbed by the State of Michigan since this exemption was enacted by the State of Michigan without the local taxing authorities having a say in the matter.

Please read my position into the record.

Thank you.

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Connie S. Lipka, MAAO

*Township Assessor Elba & Lapeer Townships, Lapeer County
Township Assessor Marlette Township, Sanilac County*

Eddie Sleeper

From: Supervisor <supervisor@leroytownship.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:44 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: reslesfarm@gmail.com; treeman77@sbcglobal.net; Clerk@leroytownship.org; treasurer@leroytownship.org
Subject: HB 4986

The number of properties owned in Leroy Township, Calhoun County, that are exempt from paying property tax continues to grow every year. In 2017, \$1,199,405 of taxable value was exempted due to the Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption.

The well-intentioned bill enacted by Legislators in Lansing, places the burden of tax losses on local units instead of the State of Michigan. In addition, if the intent of the bill was to provide relief and help to struggling disabled veterans, an asset test should be included as part of the exemption process – much like the asset test used for determining Poverty Exemptions for Property Taxes. We are seeing Disabled Veterans with properties valued well over \$100,000-\$200,000 in taxable value applying for these exemptions. They receive the property tax here in Michigan and then spend the winter in warmer climates in their 'snowbird' homes. In addition, we have seen disabled veterans buying high-priced homes (again \$200,000+) because of the property tax advantage. Is this truly fulfilling the intention of the bill?

The Leroy Township Board very much supports HB 4986 sponsored by Rep. David Maturen. And would ask that further consideration be given to a financial asset test being considered in the future.

Laveta Hardish, Supervisor

Laveta Hardish
Leroy Township Supervisor
(269) 979-9421 ext. 111

Eddie Sleeper

From: Marsha Drouin <mdrouin@richlandtwp.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:34 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am in strong support of this "revised " exemption in Dave's bill.
It addresses something that was not addressed in the previous exemption – Renters.
Some of our "needy" veterans are ones that cannot afford a house thus get no benefit from the property tax exemption.
Some of our veterans that qualified for the exemption as it is written currently own multimillion dollar homes so it seems they were "employable " when they returned from service.

Marsha C Drouin
Richland Township Treasurer
Kalamazoo County
269-629-4921

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Mary I. Balkema <mibalk@kalcounty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Andy Meisner
Subject: Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption into a Property Tax Credit

The Michigan Association of County Treasurers in and through their legislative co-chairs, Mary Balkema, Kalamazoo County Treasurer and Andy Meisner, Oakland County Treasurer strongly support this bill.

If you need us to testify or be there for support, please let me know.

Kindly....Mary Balkema and Andy Meisner

Mary Balkema, CPFIM
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
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Eddie Sleeper

From: David Scott <dscott@commercetwp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986 Sponsored by Rep. David Maturen

Representative David Maturen, and the honorable members of the House Tax Policy Committee,

As the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Commerce, in the County of Oakland I would request that HB4986 be supported and passed. Please show that the people of Commerce through me as their representative request their support for the bill be entered into the the committees record.

David E. Scott

Supervisor Charter Township of Commerce

2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, MI 48390
O (248)960-7070
C (248)396-2966



Eddie Sleeper

From: Janet Mooney <JMooney@southfieldtownship.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Rep. Jeremy Moss (District 35); Jason Hoskins
Subject: HB 4986 - Disabled Veterans' Exemption
Attachments: doc03493620180409155904.pdf

Good Morning.

Please support HB4986. I have no objection to Veteran's receiving the exemption. However, I do object to the mechanism currently in place. The Veteran's Exemption law currently on the books along with the personal property exemption law passed a few years ago gave little or no regard to the loss of revenue to the local units. Our small community, which consists primarily of three Villages, has lost approximately two million dollars in taxable value. That translates into a loss of over \$82,000.00 in State and Local taxes. Those numbers have grown each and every year as Disabled Veterans become aware of the exemption.

I would also like to add that by passing this current bill, Disabled Veterans who have been receiving the exemption may face the financial challenge of paying their taxes timely and then having to wait to receive the refund until they file their tax returns. This problem can be alleviated by expanding the Deferment of Taxes (Michigan Department of Treasury Form 471) requirement to waive the income threshold for Disabled Veterans. I would also suggest that the term Eligible Veteran be clearly defined in the Bill to include deferment. I have attached a copy of the form.

Thank you for your consideration.

You have my permission to read this email into the committee's record.

Janet Mooney, MiCPT, CPFA
Treasurer, Southfield Township
18550 W. 13 Mile Road
Southfield Township, MI 48025
(248) 540-3420 FAX: (248) 540-3427
jmooney@southfieldtownship.org

Eddie Sleeper

From: Shelley Worley <sworley@tyronetownship.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

I am the Clerk of Tyrone Township in Kent County, MI and would like our support of this bill(HB4986 sponsored by Rep. David Maturen; be read into the committee's record.

Shelley Worley, Clerk
Tyrone Township
616-678-4779
sworley@tyronetownship.org

Eddie Sleeper

From: Brenda Loper <cascoctclairdeputyclerk@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I request on behalf of the Township of Casco, St. Clair County, Michigan, the following statement be read into the record:

Casco Township, St. Clair County, strongly supports HB 4986.

William Ruemenapp,

Casco Township Supervisor

Eddie Sleeper

From: robyn pav@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper

Let the record show to the House Tax Committee, that I support Rep Maturen's bill to move the Veteran's Exemption from a property tax exemption to a state tax credit.

Respectfully,

Robyn Maxson
Treasurer, Pavilion Township
Scotts, MI

Eddie Sleeper

From: jim&deb <jimdebmazur@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:27 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

I would like to have Victory Township's, Mason County Michigan position to be read into the record as supporting the proposed HB4986.

Jim Mazur Victory Township supervisor

Eddie Sleeper

From: Melissa Creech <mccreech@commercetwp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:57 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am requesting that my position in support of House Bill 4986 be read into the record.

Please let me know if this is sufficient enough.

Regards,



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Eddie Sleeper

From: Molly Phillips <mphillips@commercetwp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:37 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Support of HB 4986

Good morning.

I would like to have my support for HB 4986, regarding veteran property tax exemption, recorded in the House Tax Policy Committee record. This is an important "fix" to an ongoing issue.

Sincerely,

Molly B. Phillips

Treasurer

Charter Township of Commerce

2009 Township Drive

Commerce Township, MI 48390

Ph (248)960-7044



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Eddie Sleeper

From: Sheila Robinson <robinsonsheilam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:19 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

I am a trustee in Sylvan Township, Osceola County and I am in total support of the proposed bill regarding changing disabled veterans property tax exemption to an income tax credit.

Our township loses extensive income because of the current law.

Please enter my support for this bill HB4986 into the committee's record and read my support into the record.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sheila M Robinson, Trustee
Sylvan Township

Eddie Sleeper

From: Carol Dehaan <treasurer@coopertwp.org>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: clerk@coopertwp.org; supervisor@coopertwp.org
Subject: Veteran's Exemption

Please enter into the record Cooper Township's support of HB 4986, sponsored by Rep. David Maturen, to be considered in the House Tax Policy Committee on Wednesday, April 11th.

Carol DeHaan
Cooper Township Treasurer

Eddie Sleeper

From: Sandi <supervisor@fostertownship.com>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 3:21 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Bill

Thank you for the bill to make the veterans exemption a tax credit, that makes so much more sense than the loss up front for townships. Please put my name on the list for approval of the bill. Sandra Miller, Supervisor Foster Township Ogemaw county.

Eddie Sleeper

From: Dick Wheeler <supervisor@mortontownship.org>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Lisa Finch
Subject: HB 4986

Please add Morton Township's support for passage of HB 4986; this bill makes much more sense for veterans' support than does the current system.

Dick Wheeler
Supervisor
Morton Township

Eddie Sleeper

From: Jeannie King <columbussupervisor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

I am writing regarding HB 4986, which is proposed to be heard on April 11th in the House Tax Policy Committee.

As a very small township in Michigan's upper peninsula, the property tax exemption causes much difficulty in the financial viability of our township. We do not have a large property tax base, and by eliminating property taxes through this exemption, it lowers our available funds to support our community.

This exemption also eliminates school district debt reduction funds, causing financial hardship for the district.

The County Treasurer is also affected by this exemption, especially when it is allowed for a veteran to file in December for the entire tax year ending, requiring much refunding of already settled funds.

We would prefer to see the exemption given as an income tax credit, putting the burden on the veteran to file income tax paperwork, rather than as a property tax exemption, putting the burden on the local Board of Review to approve the exemption and then the tax collector to assure no taxes are charged.

We believe that the State Tax Commission in its income tax laws is the proper place for this credit to be handled, putting the burden on the agency that believes the credit should be given.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

--
Jeannie M King, Supervisor
Columbus Township
PO Box 36
McMillan, MI 49853
906-293-8956

Eddie Sleeper

From: Superintendent <Super@michigammetownship.com>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 11:32 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

April 9, 2018

Dear Representative Maturen,

The Michigamme Township Board supports HB 4986 so that townships don't have property tax losses.

Respectfully,

William Seppanen
Supervisor, Michigamme Township

Eddie Sleeper

From: JERRY BROWNING <JSBROWNING1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

REGUARDING HOUSE BILL 4986

CASE TORNSHIP PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF 4986 AS WE ARE A SMALL TOWNSHIP WITH VERY LIMITED FUNDS. WE BELIEVE DISABLED VETRANS NEED THE BREAK HOWEVER IT EFFECTS OUR BUDGET.

THANK YOU

JERRY S. BROWNING
CASE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Eddie Sleeper

From: Republic Supervisor <repsup@northpines.net>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: House Bill 4986

I support the subject bill because it places the fiscal responsibility for monies credited to disabled veterans and their surviving spouse where it belongs, with the state. This bill will allow monies rightfully owed to the county, township and local school to be used where it is needed most.

John Ulrich
Republic Township Supervisor/Assessor

Phone: 906-376-8139
Fax: 906-376-2383

Eddie Sleeper

From: Teresa Scott <tscott@schoolcrafttownship.org>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 9:59 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB-4986

Schoolcraft Township supports HB-4986 which creates a disabled veteran income tax credit and repeals the disabled veteran property tax exemption. Please enter our support for this bill into the House Tax Policy Committee's record and read our position into the record during the hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Thank you.

*Teresa A. Scott
Schoolcraft Township Treasurer
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Vicksburg, MI 49097
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Website: www.schoolcrafttownship.org*

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Eddie Sleeper

From: latreas@up.net
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am 100% in favor of HB 4986! Thanks. Kristine Rice, L'Anse Township Treasurer

Eddie Sleeper

From: Concord Twp Clerk <Clerk@concordtownshipmi.org>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 9:46 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Disabled Vet's Property Tax Exemption

To Whom It May Concern:

I am asking that you position be read into the record.

Thank you!

Judy A. Clark
Concord Township Clerk
121 Grove Street
PO Box 236
Concord, MI 49237-0236
P.517-524-6804
F.517-524-6805

Eddie Sleeper

From: Supervisor <supervisor@dentontownship-mi.org>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Property Tax Exemption

To Whom It May Concern:

Denton Township located in Roscommon County supports the Veterans Exemption program. But feels that that State of Michigan needs to have a process for reimbursement of these funds. Either directly back to the Township or a refund on the state income tax to the Veteran. Denton Township is losing almost a million dollars in taxable value. Denton Township asks that their position be read into the record.

Bob Spaulding
Township Supervisor
Denton Township
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Prudenville, MI 48651
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supervisor@dentontownship-mi.org

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Jim Nankervis <Supervisor@ishpemingtownship.com>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 6:34 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

James Nankervis Ishpeming Township Supervisor supports HB4986 and request that my position be read into the record. Let me know if there is anything else I need to do.

Regards Jim

James Nankervis P.E.
Ishpeming Township Supervisor
1575 U.S. Hwy 41 W
Ishpeming, MI 49849
906.485.5417
Email: supervisor@ishpemingtownship.com

Eddie Sleeper

From: Dan Dysinger Jr. <cvnmicro@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 7:41 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

I have corresponded repeatedly with legislators regarding this subject, NOW THIS BILL SHOULD BE PASSED BY COMMITTEE and sent to the floor without delay. MCL211.7u directly violates Michigan Constitution Art. 9 provisions. This Bill removes a disrespectful step in the process for Veterans (makes the process private and not public), removes a substantial administrative burden for Local Taxing Units, makes Local Taxing Units whole again with respect to revenue loss.

Please give this legislation immediate attention and I again urge PASSAGE BY THE COMMITTEE, with full recommendation of passage in the full House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Dysinger, Supervisor

Grant Township, Clare County

Eddie Sleeper

From: Ken Verkest <kverkest@harrison-township.org>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 6:31 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: Steve Marino
Subject: HB 4986

Dear Committee Clerk Sleeper:

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 4986. As a Township Supervisor, it may seem that my support would be based on the restoration of lost property tax revenue, but that is not the case. My opposition to the current property tax exemption for disabled veterans is based on who & how it benefits these heroes. We all know of disabled veterans in need of assistance. However, many of those who do need help don't even own property.

I have witnessed individuals who spent forty years in a construction trade & achieved financial success come & apply for this tax break. While I might question their disability status, I am even more concerned that this financial assistance is being directed to someone who doesn't need it while those who have a need get nothing. Property ownership is a poor test for assistance. I like the idea that this assistance would now come through an income tax credit, & that it would also be available to those who rent.

I encourage those who are debating this bill to consider including some financial test to determine eligibility. For example, at some income level the benefit could be phased out. Another limit could be to place a cap on the taxable value. I understand this might be difficult to achieve. I believe that my residents have no objection to providing assistance to those who need it, but if an individual is living in a home valued at more than \$500,000, most would question whether assistance is really needed.

I want to point out that this bill would not only help veterans, but it would also help schools & local municipalities. We once received approximately \$600,000 in statutory revenue sharing, only to see it eliminated. We have recently seen some restoration of revenue sharing, but less than \$90,000. The legislature recently enacted legislation to help correct pension & OPEB funds. That loss of over \$500,000 annually is contributing to that problem. HB 4986 won't restore the loss of \$500,000, but it is better than nothing.

I appreciate the efforts of all in Lansing working to improve the lives of Michigan residents. I ask that you pass this bill & help the disabled veterans most in need of assistance.

Sincerely,
Kenneth J. Verkest
Supervisor
Charter Township of Harrison
38151 L'Anse Creuse
Harrison Township, MI 48045
(586) 466-1445

Eddie Sleeper

From: randall Smolinski <smiley7852@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 5:42 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Vet Exemption

As supervisor of Rogers Township in Presque Isle County and a non qualifying veteran, myself and our board unanimously endorse and support this benefit to those who are entitled. However we believe the financial burden should be returned to the state level as funding for this program for local units of government with less flexibility and source revenue is unsustainable.

Thank you,

Randy

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Jim Brown <jimbrown33@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 5:25 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Veterans Proposed Bill

I agree with your bill regarding veterans tax credit. Pass it!

Jim Brown ~ Supervisor , Hastings Charter Township , Barry County.

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Birch, Margaret <MBirch@waterfordmi.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 4:12 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Support of the HB 4986

Township officials may request their support for the bill be entered into the committee's record by emailing the committee clerk prior to 10 a.m. Wednesday at esleeper@house.mi.gov and ask their position be read into the record.

I support this bill as it is presented by Rep Maturen and appreciate the effort.



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Eddie Sleeper

From: Carol Green <cgreenupnorth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB4986

I am very much in support of HB4986 to restore property tax for DAV Exemptions and make it an income tax exemption.
Carol Green Nottawa Twp. Treasurer Nottawa Twp. Isabella County, Michigan

Eddie Sleeper

From: Robin Rothley <rrothley@grandrapidstwp.org>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 4:06 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

Good Afternoon,

I would like to be read into the record that I support of HB 4986 and request that the House Tax Policy Committee vote favorably at the hearing on February 11, 2018.

Sincerely,

Robin L Rothley

Robin L Rothley MAAO(3)
Township Assessor
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Eddie Sleeper

From: Joseph Ferrari <JFerrari@oxfordtownship.org>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Cc: johnreilly969@gmail.com; Rep. John Reilly (District 46); jimmarleau@senate.michigan.gov.
Subject: Support for HB 4986

Please read my position into the record.

The disabled veterans' property tax exemption should be a state income tax credit and not a local property tax exemption. There should also be a state income tax credit for ALL disabled veterans, based on their percentage of disability. Those that receive any percentage disability (i.e. 10%, 20%, 30%, etc.) credit deserve a state income tax credit benefit of the like amount as well.

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Donna Palmer <DEPalmer@ScioTownship.org>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am support of this bill. It will still give relief to our disabled veterans, but take the burden off the local governments.

I have an additional comment on this exemption. I would like it clarified regarding the permanently disabled qualification.

My understanding is the disability has to occur during the service to our country. If this is so, the process needs to be refined. I know of cases where the disability was due to later health issues. Their letter stated "permanently disabled", but I know for a fact it was not due to his service.

Please pass my concerns on to the appropriate persons/departments. Thank you.

Donna E. Palmer
Scio Township Treasurer

Eddie Sleeper

From: Maureen Wolfe <treasurer@mortontownship.org>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Disabled Veterans Exemption

As Treasurer of Morton Township, in Mecosta County, I would like to voice my support for HB 4986, sponsored by David Maturen.

Maureen Wolfe
Morton Township Treasurer



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Eddie Sleeper

From: Stephanie McNeal <stephaniemc8474@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB-4986

I whole heartedly support house bill HB-4986.

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Eddie Sleeper

From: Pat Kittle <pkittle@indtwp.com>
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper; Jim Tedder
Subject: Great Idea: House Bill 4986

This is a great idea ...

"Townships could see their property tax revenue increase if a bill is enacted changing the disabled veterans' property tax exemption to an income tax credit. HB 4986, sponsored by Rep. David Maturen (R-Brady Twp.), is scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, April 11, in the House Tax Policy Committee and is strongly supported by MTA. The bill is in response to a 2013 law providing property tax exemptions for real property owned by permanently disabled veterans and their unremarried, surviving spouses. Current law offers no local reimbursement, leaving townships and other local units with sometimes significant property tax losses. HB 4986 would instead place the financial responsibility on the state by providing an income tax credit to the disabled veteran or the veteran's widow or widower in an amount equal to 100 percent of his or her property taxes or 23 percent of the gross rent paid."

Pat Kittle

Supervisor – Independence Township, Oakland County

Eddie Sleeper

From: Diane Lesperance <dlesperance@Menomineeco.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:59 PM
To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: HB 4986

I am contacting you to inform you that I am in favor of HB 4986. Transferring the Veterans' property exemption to the income tax from the property tax would be the best way to proceed with this exemption. As a County Treasurer and also owner of an income tax business I could never understand why this exemption was not put on the income tax, where there is already an exemption in place for the veterans, that could have just been adjusted to cover the specifications. Hopefully the is bill will make it through committee and continue to the House for passing. Thank you,
Diane Lesperance

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